

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to a data communication network, comprising the steps of:

upon connection of a user to a network service provider, checking data of the user who wishes to make the connection and comparing said data with a database in order to define a user profile;

identifying a user profile at least by an information pertaining to the age of the user;

according to the user profile, allowing free access to said network and if said user is a minor, allowing access to ~~accessing~~ said network with a controlled navigation step.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said user profile identification step ~~consists in~~ comprises comparing the data entered by said user in order to access the network with a database which contains the profiles of users registered with said service provider.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlled navigation step comprises checking for the presence in the sites that said user attempts ~~wishes~~ to visit access, of ~~a keyword~~ an accessibility key suitable to identify said site as ~~accessible or not accessible to the minor user~~ or a non-accessibility key suitable to identify said site as not accessible to the minor user.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said controlled navigation step ~~furthermore~~ further comprises, if said site that the user ~~wishes~~ attempts to visit access is tagged by an accessibility key, ~~the a step that consists in~~ comprising checking for the presence of preset keywords in ~~the~~ pages of said site.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein if said accessibility key or said non-accessibility key are not present in said site that the user attempts ~~intends~~ to visit access, a step ~~is performed which consists in~~ comprising checking for the presence of preset keywords in ~~the~~ pages of said site.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~a step that~~ consists in preparing a report of the navigation performed by said user and ~~in~~ sending said report to ~~the~~ parents of said minor user.

7. (Currently Amended) A device for controlling access to a data communication network, comprising means for registering at least one user for enabling access to a data communication network;

means for authenticating said user;

means for identifying a user profile at least by an information pertaining to the age of the user to identify the user as a minor or not;

means for storing the profile of said user; and

means for controlling the sites that can be visited by said user on said data communication network, in order to allow a controlled navigation of said user of said data communication network if said user is a minor.